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SUBJECT: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPRE-
HENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, MARCH 11,1977

1. SUMMARY: AT FOURTH INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) HELD ON MARCH 11, YUGOSLAV
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REP SAID THAT UN RES 31/68 DOES REQUIRE CCD TO ADDRESS
CNP QUESTION DURING 1977. HE CHARACTERIZED SITUATION AS
VICIOUS CIRCLE WITH SOME DELS CLAIMING THAT NEGOTIATIONS
ON CTB AND CW CANNOT BEGIN YET BECAUSE OF LACK OF POLITICAL
WILL AND THAT SAME DELS SAY THAT CCD DOES NOT HAVE TIME
TO DEAL WITH CNP DUE TO MORE URGENT PRIORITIES. EGYPTIAN
REP CALLED ON CCD TO PREPARE PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT

LOSING SIGHT OF PRESENT TASKS. INDIAN REP AGREED THAT CTB AND CW WERE PRIORTTY TASKS OF CCD, BUT STRESSED THAT CTB SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT PNES. WITH REGARD TO CNP, HE SAID THAT THE VARIOUS CONCEPTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD ARE DIFFERENT AND THE EFFORT TO PRODUCE AN AGREED TEXT WOULD NOT BE SIMPLE DRAFTING EXERCISE. MEXICAN REP CALLED FOR ESTABLISHING SMALL DRAFTING GROUP TO PRODUCE PRELIMINARY DRAFT AFTER DEBATE OO THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. FRG REP DISAGREED WITH MEXICAN VIEW REGARDING A RESTRICTED DRAFTING GROUP. NIGERIAN REP SUPPORTED MEXICAN POSITION AND CALLED FOR ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP IMMEDIATELY. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT COMMON CONCEPT OF CNP IS LACKING AND MUST BE ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO SERIOUS DRAFTING EFFORT. IT WAS AGREED THAT CNP WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER DURING WEEK MARCH 21-25. END SUMMARY

2. FOURTH INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGARM (CNP) TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 11 WITH POLISH REP (WYZNER) IN CHAIR. YUGOSLAVIAN REP (MIHAJLOVIC) SAID THAT HIS DEL BELIEVES THAT UN RES 31/68 NECESSITATES CCD MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO ADOPT CNP IN 1977. HE SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT CCD HAS HIGHER PRIORITIES THAN CNP. HOWEVER, HE CHARACTERIZED SITUATION AS "VICIOUS CIRCLE" WITH SMOE MEMBERS CLAIMING THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON CTB AND CW CANNOT BEGIN YET DUE TO LACK OF POLITICAL WILL, WHILE ALSO ARGUING THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH CNP DUE TO HIGHER PRIORITY TASKS.

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3. EGYPTIAN REP (EL-SHAFEI) SUGGESTED THAT CCD DEVELOP A WISE PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF PRESENT TASKS. HE SUGGESTED THAT 1961 JOINT PRINCIPLES MIGHT SERVE AS THE BASIS. WHILE GIVING CLEAR PRIORITY TO CTB AND CW, HE SUGGESTED THAT CCD ESTABLISH A WORK GROUP OR AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE FUTURE PROGRAM.

4. INDIAN REG (JAIN) SAID THAT UN REF 31/68 CLEARLY REQUIRES ACTION. HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION REGARDING THE PRIORITY TASKS, I.E, CTB AND CW, AND THAT CNP IS ALSO A TASK. AT THIS POINT INDIAN REP CRITICIZED USE OF THE TERM "CTB" SAYING THAT WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION ALL UN RESES DEAL WITH A BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. HE SAID THAT IF CCD CANNOT PRODUCE CONCEETE RESULTS ON THE THREE MAIN TASKS BEFORE IT DURING 1977, IT WOULD HAVE TO BEXPLAIN TO THE UNGA WHY THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. WITH RESPECT TO CNP HE SAID THAT CCD SHOULD PRODUCE A DOCUMENT THAT WILL SURVIVE. IN THIS RESPECT HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF

USUBSTANCE REGARDING A CNP WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED "BY PROCUDURAL
DIVICES OF DRAFTING EXERCISES". INDIAN REP ASLO DISAGREED

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VWKACUMENT 81/91 COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR PREPARING
CNP CLAIMING THAT IT UPSETS PRIORITIES. HE STRESSED THAT
IT WULD NOT BE AN EASY JOB TO EVOLVE A SINGLE DOCUMENT
OUT OF THE VARIOUS PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT, SINCE THE
CONCEPTS ARE DIFFERENT. IN ADDITION, HE OBJECTED TO
LIMITED WORKING GROUP OF "THREE WISEMEN", STATING THAT,
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IF THERE IS TO BE A WORKING GROUP, IT MUST BE A WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE.

5. INDIAN REP RETURNED TO CTB ISSUE AND SAID THAT THE IDEA OF SETABLISHING A CTB WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER SOVIET AND SWEDISH DRAFT TEXTS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE SINCE THIS IS NOT A DRAFTING EXERCISE. HE INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN SWEDISH CTB DRAFT AS BASIS. IN PARTICULAR HE WAS CRITICAL OF SWEDISH TEXT FOR TREATING ALIKE BOTH WEAPONS AND PEACEFUL TESTS. IN THIS REGARD HE SIAD ITAT WHAT IS TO BE PROHIBITED AND CONDENMED ARE ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND THAT AN INSTRUMENT MUST BE DEVISED WHICH BANS ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND REGULATES BUT PERMITS PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. HE SSID THAT NPES ARE NOT THE CONCERN OF THE CCD AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY ANOTEHR FORUM (I.E. IAEA). HE SAID THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY IS NOW BEING DECRIED BY SOME PEOPLE AS ONLY A HEALTH MEASURE AND NOT AN ARMS CONTROL STEP. HE CLAIMED THAT THE LTBT HAS INDEED HELPED TO CURTAIL THE ARMS REAC AND HAS HELPED TO REDUCE THE GRAVE RISKS OF NUCLEAR FALLOUT.

6. MEXICAN REP ONOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE FUTURE INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT OF CTB. HE ARGUED THAT ONLY PRACTICAL WAY TO PROCEED WITH CNP WOULD BE WITH A SMALL DRAFTING GROUP AND REITERATED HIS ADVOCACY OF DOCUMENT 81/91 AS BASIS. HE ADDED THAT CNP SHOULD NOT BE RELATED TO JUST THE WORK OF THE CCD, BUT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL WORK ON SIDARMAMENT MEASURES INCLUDING THE EFFORTS OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN (I.E. SALT AND MBFR). HE SUGGESTED THAT CNP SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EVENTS THAT HAVE TRANSPIRED SINCE 1970 INCLUDING THE EFFORTS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA, 29TH SESSION AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. IN PARTICULAR, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO RECOGNIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND SPECIFICALLY THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES, HE AGREED THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CNP SHOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE JOINT PRINCIPLES OF 1961.

7. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) STRESSED PREPAREDNESS OF HIS DEL TO COOPERATE BUT SAID THAT THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH MEXICAN VIEW REGARDING RESTRICTED DRAFTING GROUP. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT IF PRIORITY TASKS DO NOT PERMIT ADOPTION OF CNP THAT THE ISSUE MIGHT BE DEALT WITH IN THE CCD REPORT TO THE UN.

8. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SAID THAT HIS DEL SAW THREE STEPS IN DEALING WITH CNP: 1) A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG MEMBERS IN INFORMAL SESSION. IN THIS REGARD HE SAID THAT IF MORE TIME IS NEEDED HIS DEL WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN "NIGHT MEETINGS"; 2) AFTER ALL VIEWS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED A SMALL WORKING GROUP MIGHT PREPARE A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE PERHAPS THE SECRETARIAT MIGHT PREPARE A DRAFT WHICH INDICATES ALTERNATE VIEWS WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION; 3) THE CCD WOULD THEN RECEIVE THE RESULTS AND SEEK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND PREPARE A FINAL DOCUMENT FOR ADOPTION. HE SAID THAT UNLESS AN APPROACH ALONG THE LINES JUST OUTLINED WERE TAKEN, THAT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE HIPE OF COMPLYING WITH UN RESLOUTION 31/68 DIRING 1977.

8. NIGERIAN ALTERNATE REP (FALASE) INDICATEDTHAT HIS DEL AGREES WITH MEXICAN POSITION AND STRESSED THAT WORK ON CNP SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH CTB AND CW. HE INDICATED BELIEF THAT BASIS FOR EXTABLISHING WORKNIG GROUP MAY EXIST AT THIS TIME SINCE ONLY ONE DEL (US) HAS INDICATED UNPREPAREDNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

9. NETHERLANDS DEL (VAN DER KLAAUW) SIAD THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE A COMMON CONCEPT BEFORE STARTING TO DRAFT AND THAT AT THIS TIME A COMMON CONCEPT IS LACKING. HE ADDED HIS OPINION THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMALL DRAFTING GROPU WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR THE MOMENT.
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10. MEXICAN REP SUMMARIZED HIS PRIVIOUS STATEMENTS, EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF DRAFTING GROUP UNTIL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

11. IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF CNP AT A LATER DATE, PERHAPS DURING WEEK STARTING MARCH 21.CATTO

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